

TRANSMITTAL LETTER Docket No. 14274 (General - Patent Pending) In Re Assertion Of: Hideaki Shiraishi Examiner Group Art Unit Filing Date Serial No. 2871 Dung T. Nguyen 09/774,921 1/31/01 Title: METHOD OF FABRICATING LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY SUBSTRATE AND THE SAME TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS: Transmitted herewith is: Response to Requirement for Restriction in the above identified application. No additional fee is required. \boxtimes A check in the amount of is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 19-1013 ssmp as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Charge the amount of Credit any overpayment. \boxtimes Charge any additional fee required. Dated: April 24, 2003 Signature Paul J. Esatto, Jr., Reg. No. 30,749 Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser certify that this document and fee is being deposited

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated 25, 2003, applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-4, for continue prosecution herein.

Claims 1-11 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

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Group I, Claims 1-4, drawn to a method of fabricating a liquid crystal display (LCD),

wherein the method has the step of forming at least one or more scribe cracks on each side of

substrates, classified in class 65, subclass 433; and

Group II, Claims 5-11, drawn to an LCD having substrates, classified in class 439,

subclass 158.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I and II are distinct

from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, applicants provisionally

elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-4. However, applicant reserves the right

under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in

this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an

early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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